

California Regional Fire Academy

Prehospital Care Educational Program

Paramedic Academy



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9320 Tech Center Drive / Sacramento, CA 95670
Monday-Friday
8:00am–5:00pm



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APPLICATION GUIDELINES
Information for Your Reference

Dear Paramedic Academy Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the California Regional Fire Academy: Prehospital Care Educational Program. This program will help you in preparation for a career in the Emergency Medical Services.

Please read the information provided to you in the following pages and follow the instructions carefully when filling out your application. ***Incomplete application packages, or failure to comply with these procedures, may preclude your acceptance into the Paramedic Academy.*** The CRFA Prehospital Care Educational Program Staff would like to thank you again for your interest and look forward to your participation within the program.

COURSE INFORMATION

California Regional Fire Academy Prehospital Care Educational Program will be accepting applications for:

♦ **Paramedic Academy ~**

This course meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9am to 5:30pm. Enrollment is limited to 45 students

Class location is the California Fire & Rescue Training Authority Headquarters located at 9320 Tech Center Drive in Sacramento.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The EMT-Paramedic course is approximately 1300 hours of intensive classroom, hospital and field experience on an ambulance, to provide prehospital patient assessment and interventions at an Advanced Life Support (ALS) level.

The total time to complete the paramedic course is approximately twelve to fifteen months.

Paramedic Knowledge Foundation-Didactic

The Paramedic course meets the standards for the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) National Education Curriculum. The modules of paramedic training are described in the Course Guide. The major components of training include: EMS systems, communication techniques, medical legal issues, basic anatomy & physiology, medical terminology, patient assessment of the medical and trauma patients, cardiology, medical emergencies, obstetrics, pediatrics and geriatrics, environmental emergencies, toxicology, behavioral emergencies, CISM, trauma, and the critical thinking Paramedic.

The educational background is included for the student to successfully complete all quizzes, major exams, and skill stations including the certification requirements for:

- Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)
- Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS)
- Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)

Clinical Internship

The Clinical Internship takes place in a Hospital Emergency Department with a Nurse Preceptor. The clinical phase is equal to approximately 160 hours. The student is also placed in specialty clinical areas for specific patient care training.

Field Internship

The Field Internship consists of working with a 9-1-1 provider, to apply the skills and knowledge from didactic training with a paramedic field preceptor. The field internship time is approximately 480-720 hours.

The EMT-P National Registry practical exam.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ENROLLMENT

Minimum Age of 18 Years
High School Graduate (or equivalent)
Valid Driver's License (or ID)
Current EMT-B Certification or NREMT Eligibility

RECOMMENDED PREREQUISITE COURSEWORK**Completion of a college-level Anatomy & Physiology Course**

(i.e. Sierra College Bio 0005/0006, American River College BIOL 102, CRFA Anatomy & Physiology or equivalent)

**Subject to change*

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be at least 18 years old on the date the course starts. Applicants are chosen based upon their college education and related work experience.

ACCEPTANCE REQUIREMENTS

Complete & Pass a Background Check & Drug Screen
Complete & Pass a Medical Examination

CONDUCT

The Paramedic Academy is conducted in a paramilitary format. Candidates are expected to adhere to strict rules of conduct. Appearance and grooming standards are enforced. All questions regarding Paramedic Academy operations and expectations will be answered during the official orientation after acceptance into the Paramedic Academy.

BACKGROUND CHECK & DRUG SCREEN

Successful candidates will be required to complete a background check and drug screen utilizing American Databank. Candidates will receive background check and drug screen information upon notification of acceptance into the Paramedic Academy. The background check and drug screen are completed at the Candidate's expense (approx. \$95), paid directly to American Databank. Go to www.crfabackground.com for information on completing the background check and drug screen.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Successful candidates will be required to participate in and pass a medical examination. Candidates will schedule an examination upon notification of acceptance into the Paramedic Academy. The medical examination is completed at the Candidate's expense, paid directly to the medical provider.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Below is a brief order of the application process:

Submit Paramedic Academy Application

~\$50 Nonrefundable Application Fee Due

Application Deadline

The application deadline for each Paramedic Academy is approx. one month prior to the academy start date. Applications received after that date will be considered for the next upcoming Paramedic Academy.

Selection Process

CRFA Prehospital Care Education Staff review each Paramedic Academy Application submitted.

Notifications

Notifications will be sent to all applicants regarding their standing in the Paramedic Academy.

~\$250 Nonrefundable Deposit Due by the Paramedic Academy Orientation.

Paramedic Academy Orientation

Candidates will attend an Paramedic Academy Orientation (Attendance is Mandatory)

- a. Submit completed paperwork
- b. Order & pay for Start-Up Materials
- c. Meet Paramedic Academy Staff and Instructors
- d. Campus Tour

Paramedic Academy Begins

****All candidates will pay fees by the required dates or will be dismissed****

****Final Fee information will be provided to candidates upon acceptance****

A COMPLETE APPLICATION SHOULD INCLUDE:

- ☐ Paramedic Academy Application (Attached)
- ☐ \$50 Nonrefundable Application Fee
- ☐ “Tell Me About You” (Form Attached)
- ☐ Copy of Valid Driver’s License (or ID)
- ☐ Copy of College Transcripts (official transcripts not required)
- ☐ Minimum of 2 Letters of Recommendation
- ☐ Copy of any relating certifications including CPR certification, EMT certification (or proof of NREMT eligibility), proof of Paramedic Prep Course Completion or related coursework, Proof of college level Anatomy & Physiology Coursework or equivalent.
- ☐ Verification of related work experience on department letterhead (if applicable)
- ☐ Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD214)(for those with Military experience)

Mail or Deliver Application Packet To: EMS Programs Director
California Fire & Rescue Training Authority
9320 Tech Center Drive
Sacramento, CA 95826

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Closed weekends & holidays

Paramedic Academy Application

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Instructions: Please print in black ink or type. Answer all questions accurately and completely. All statements in your application are subject to verification; incorrect or incomplete statements may bar or remove you from enrollment. Resumes will not be accepted in place of a completed application.

Personal Data

Name (Last, First Middle)	Area Code ()	Home Telephone Number
Mailing Address (Number & Street)	Area Code ()	Cellular Phone
City, State, Zip	Area Code ()	Work Phone
Date of Birth	Email Address	

Education

High School Graduate: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> GED	Location of High School
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Schools Attended other than High Schools	Location	Course of Study	Units Earned	Degree or Certificate	Points	Total Points

Please describe additional course work or training (including military), which may assist you in the EMS Field.

Please list special certificates or other competencies which may assist you in the EMS Field.

Licensing Information

EMT 1 Certification: Type: _____ Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____
Driver's License: Type: _____ Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Physical Conditions or Limitations

Do you have any physical limitations that would prevent you from performing tasks involved in the Paramedic Academy?
☐ No ☐ Yes If yes, please explain:

Conviction Record

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense, which resulted in you being imprisoned or placed on probation? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, please explain:

Work Experience

You should respond completely to the information in this section. LIST YOUR MOST RECENT EMPLOYMENT **FIRST**. Describe different positions held with the same employer in different blocks. List all experience, paid and voluntary. Additional sheets should be attached to this application when necessary to fully describe related experience, training, education. DO NOT ENTER "SEE RESUME".

From: _____ To: _____ Month/Year Month/Year	Title of Position:
Name & Address of Employer:	Duties/Responsibilities:
Name & Title of Your Supervisor:	
Reason for Leaving:	
Number Supervised:	
From: _____ To: _____ Month/Year Month/Year	Title of Position:
Name & Address of Employer:	Duties/Responsibilities:
Name & Title of Your Supervisor:	
Reason for Leaving:	
Number Supervised:	
From: _____ To: _____ Month/Year Month/Year	Title of Position:
Name & Address of Employer:	Duties/Responsibilities:
Name & Title of Your Supervisor:	
Reason for Leaving:	
Number Supervised:	

Certification of Applicant

I Certify that the foregoing information and answers are true, complete, and correct. I understand that any misrepresentation or omission of facts is cause for rejection of application and removal from the eligibility list for enrollment in the California Regional Fire Academy Paramedic Academy. I hereby authorize the California Regional Fire Academy Staff and Instructors to investigate all statements contained in this application.	
Signature:	Date:

Name: _____ Date: _____

TELL ME ABOUT YOU

The following questions will be reviewed by CRFA Paramedic Academy Staff & Instructors. Please answer the questions candidly.

1. Why should you be selected for the CRFA Paramedic Academy?

2. Cite examples of working under pressure or deadlines.

3. Describe your personality.

4. What are your outstanding strengths?

5. What are your greatest weaknesses?

6. What are your three biggest accomplishments thus far?

7. What final impression would you like to leave on the program?



Please attach a current Photo